

Lanteglos-by-Fowey Parish Council

Chairman's Report June 2017

As I write I realise your newly elected Council has now been in place for over a month and since then in a way our world has turned on its axis; the country has gone through the upheaval of a snap General Election with unexpected results and been witness to the terrible events of the Grenfell House catastrophe in which so many people lost their lives. I know that you will join me in reaching out to the survivors who have lost everything and having them in our thoughts as they mourn loved ones.

We have met once as a Council since the local elections and at that meeting it was resolved to elect me as your Chairman and Cllr Fisher as Vice Chairman for 2017/18. I wish to record our thanks to Cllr Adams for serving as a dedicated Chairman for the past two years. Newly elected Councillors are as follows:

Councillors

Pat Moore, **Chairman**

Adrian Fisher, **Vice Chairman**

John Adams

Teresa Libby

Valerie Libby

Roger Talling

Julian Shakerley

Andrew Kelly

Joan Bunt

Margaret Shakerley

Mike Carter

Clerk to the Council Gillian Thompson

We have met twice since the local elections, and in the May meeting the following appointments were made to outside bodies for 2017/18:

- Polruan Village Hall Committee – Cllr Kelly
- Fowey Harbour Port Users Group – Cllrs Adams and Carter
- War Memorial Committee – this Committee had achieved its purpose and was no longer needed. Our thanks are due to Cllr Adams for the work he had put into this project
- Whitecross Village Hall Committee – Cllr M. Shakerley
- The Churchyard Guild – Cllr Adams
- Age Concern – Cllr Bunt

Council Meetings: The Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month at Whitecross Village Hall with the exception of August. The Annual Parish meeting and any additional meetings will be at the Polruan WI Hall. We are pleased to see so many members of the public at these meetings. All matters are discussed in full Council meetings where decisions are made by the whole Council. We value your comments and questions so please keep attending, and make any point that concerns you during the time allowed for public

participation. The Neighbourhood Plan meetings are also held at Whitecross Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month.

Toilets: The Council has made consistent and strenuous efforts to ensure these facilities remain open. There is a cost element involved in this which is reflected in our precept. In this regard we wish to extend our thanks to the Town Trust for their generous offer of a grant towards the costs of taking over the running of Polruan Quay facilities in 2016.

Over the past four years the Council has successfully maintained, cleaned and kept in good condition the three toilet blocks and our thanks go to our contractors, Fran and Michelle. Ongoing projects are the purchase of the St Saviours Toilet Block and refurbishment of Frogmore Toilet Block.

Highways (Drains, Footpaths and Potholes, etc.): Owing to funding arrangements, the maintenance and frequency of repair of potholes and drain cleaning are the responsibility of Cornwall Council, and your Parish Council faces an uphill battle with the Authorities, to deal with what appear to be simple problems. We have resolved to institute a Lengersman's (Roadman) whose task it is to repair these simple problems using such basic tools as a sickle, shovel and iron bar plus that extremely old fashioned term 'Elbow Grease'. We are wary of being saddled with bureaucracy and expensive hydraulic equipment.

Traffic Enforcement: At present the old Restricted Parking Zone signage has been replaced and Parking Enforcement Officers are now carrying out their allotted tasks. A majority of residents wished this to be reinstated and we realise that this has made for difficulties for a very few residents. The Council is exploring ways of mitigating these difficulties.

Lanteglos Neighbourhood Plan: We have commissioned a Local Landscape Character Assessment Survey from Cornwall Council. This will be led by Ms Kath Statham, CMLI, Landscape Architect. By the time you read this she will have led a training session for volunteers on developing the Survey. This then becomes part of the evidence for the Neighbourhood Plan and it will carry considerable weight when it comes to examination and referendum. Once the plan is written it then has to be agreed through a local referendum. If the vote is in favour the Neighbourhood Plan is 'made' and cannot be ignored when planning applications are decided.

We also have a draft of the more detailed survey that will go out to all residents. Questions in this have been based on what you have already told us but explore issues that are important to you in more depth. We intend to issue this after the development of the LLCA.

Parish Clerk

Finally I wish to extend our thanks to Mrs Thompson who acted as Locum Clerk and has now been appointed as our permanent clerk and is proving invaluable.

Finally again thank you everybody for all of your assistance during the past four years and to more years of working together for the good of all our residents.

Cllr Dr Pat Moore

Chairman: Lanteglos by Fowey Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group